

# A Report on



## Fiscal Year 2001 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiian Organizations

United States Department of the Interior  
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Tribal Preservation Program



## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to Indian tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. Now in its eleventh year, this grant program assists American Indians and Alaska Natives in protecting and promoting their unique cultural traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by Indian tribes. Tribal representatives defined "historic preservation from a tribal perspective" in a National Park Service report to Congress in 1990. *Keepers of the Treasures -- Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Land* describes, in the words of Indian people, what they are concerned with protecting. Native language, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices are all part of preservation from a tribal perspective. The grants selected in Fiscal Year 2001 continue to reflect this broad range of funding needs.

Since 1990, just over 13.5 million dollars has been awarded to over 379 Indian and Alaska Native communities. In Fiscal Year 2001, a total of \$1,212,350 is being awarded to 28 communities for a broad range of historic preservation projects. The projects selected for funding are summarized below.

## **GRANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, and Native Hawaiian organizations were invited to submit grant applications to support historic preservation projects and promote the continuation of living cultural traditions.

The application guidelines listed five major categories of eligible activities for Historic Preservation Fund grants: locating and identifying cultural resources, preserving a historic property listed on the National Register, preservation planning, oral history and documenting cultural traditions, and education and training projects in historic and cultural preservation.

Grant applications and application guidelines were mailed in October 2000 to the chief elected officials of all Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaskan Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations, and to others on a mailing list of over 2,500 individuals and organizations. In all, 86 proposals were received requesting approximately \$3.7 million.

Panels of experts who met in Washington, D.C. the week of March 19, 2001, evaluated each application. Panel members are listed below.

## **GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS**

Reviewers were asked to consider the following in evaluating applications:

1. How does this project address a critical cultural or historic preservation issue for the tribe?
2. Are the project objectives, activities, and desired results (products) well designed, thought-through, and achievable?
3. Will qualified people carry out the project?
4. Is the project budget clear and reasonable?
5. Is there demonstrable commitment to this project by the tribe?
6. What is the lasting impact on and benefit to the tribe if the project is successfully completed?

## **FISCAL YEAR 2001 GRANTS SELECTION PANEL PARTICIPANTS**

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<b>Tribe [State]</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Afognak Native Village (AK)	\$ 49,897
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town (OK)	\$ 47,080
Apasaalooke Nation (Crow Tribal Council) (MT)	\$ 44,228
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa (MN)	\$ 49,751
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes (AK)	\$ 35,128
Chickaloon Village (AK)	\$ 49,576
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (OR)	\$ 27,528
Eastern Shoshone Tribe (WY)	\$ 34,254
Enemy Swim District – Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SD)	\$ 23,873
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	\$ 42,851
Gila River Indian Community (AZ)	\$ 49,984
Hopi Tribe (AZ)	\$ 50,000
Kaw Nation of Oklahoma (OK)	\$ 43,964
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MI)	\$ 31,999
Navajo Nation (AZ)	\$ 45,930
Nisqually Indian Tribe (WA))	\$ 49,170
Oglala Sioux Tribe (SD)	\$ 50,000
Ounalashka Corporation (AK)	\$ 28,923
Pinoleville Band of Pomos (CA)	\$ 50,000
Pueblo of Pojoaque (NM)	\$ 16,979
Rosebud Sioux Tribe (SD)	\$ 50,000
Sealaska Corporation (AK)	\$ 50,000
Stillaguamish Tribe (WA)	\$ 44,820
Tazlina Native Village (AK)	\$ 50,000
University of Hawaii (HI)	\$ 49,715
Waipa Foundation (HI)	\$ 46,700
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) (MA)	\$ 50,000
Wiyot Tribe – Table Bluff Reservation (CA)	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,350</b>

## **FY 2001 Project Descriptions Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

### **Alaska**

Tribe:	<b>Native Village of Afognak</b>
Project Title:	<b>Afognak Oral History Documentation and Archives</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$49,897.00</b>
Description:	Collect oral histories, traditional knowledge and photos of Afognak Village through two <i>Elders Camp</i> sessions. The data collected will be transcribed, indexed, cataloged and stored for tribal member access. Photos will be scanned and geneological information will be input into a computer database for tribal reference.
Tribe:	<b>Chickaloon Village</b>
Project Title:	<b>Ya Ne Dah Ah Stories: the Life and Times of Katherine Wade, an Athabascan Elder</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$49,576.00</b>
Description:	Document the life history of Chickaloon Village's Clan Grandmother, Katherine Wade, and the transformation of the Matanuska Valley through oral history teachings. Preserve, catalog and index existing historic information including photographs, audio recordings, transcripts, written correspondence, traditional stories and customs. Produce a multi-media local history curriculum suitable for the Tribal School and other schools in the area.
Tribe:	<b>Ounalashka Corporation</b>
Project Title:	<b>Creating a Digitized Exhibit and Digital Archive on the Wartime History of Aleut Peoples</b>
Grant Award:	<b>\$28,923.00</b>
Description:	Digitize a series of materials on the wartime history of the Unangan peoples, popularly know as Aleuts, which will incorporated into interpretive exhibits at the Aleutian World War II National Historic Area. The exhibit will depict traditional life before the advent of World War II, the sense of loss and cultural disorientation that the Unangan experienced in American relocation camps and Japanese prisoner of war camps, and how settlement patterns changed in the aftermath of the war.

Tribe: **Sealaska Corporation**  
Project Title: **Continuing Our Culture Through Oral Tradition of Song**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Document the unique tribal history found in clan songs and stories in preparation for creating a publication explaining its significance and teachings. Oral histories of four or more clans focusing on songs and associated dances and stories will be documented, transcribed and archived for reference.

Tribe: **Native Village of Tazlina**  
Project Title: **Survey and Inventory of Historic and Significant Cultural Sites within the Traditional Lands of the Native Village of Tazlina**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Identify all cultural and historical sites within traditional village lands by interviewing knowledgeable Elders, field verification of identified sites, and “grassroots” field research. Develop a comprehensive computer database of each site identified including digital photographs of existing features and a detailed history and explanation of its cultural importance.

Tribe: **Central Council, Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes**  
Project Title: **Together We are Strong: A History of the Alaskan Native Sisterhood, Camp 2**  
Grant Award: **\$35,128.00**  
Description: Conduct original research and begin writing the history of the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), the oldest membership organization of Native American Women in the United States. Document the work of past presidents, life members, and other Camp members who advanced the causes of civil rights, land claims, education, cultural preservation and subsistence rights.

## **Arizona**

Tribe: **Gila River Indian Community**  
Project Title: **Traditional Cultural Property Inventory on the Aboriginal Lands of the Akimel O’odham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa) Tribes**  
Grant Award: **\$49,984.00**  
Description: Initiate a Traditional Cultural Property inventory in off-reservation areas within the aboriginal lands of the Akimel O’odham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa) peoples, and evaluate the condition of newly identified or previously undocumented sites to provide recommendations for their protection, preservation and management. Establish a digital database that will serve in the retrieval and organization of data during consultation and as an educational tool for tribal members.

Tribe: **Hopi Tribe**  
Project Title: **The Hopi Newly Acquired Lands Cultural Resources Inventory: A Class I Overview**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Document all previously recorded archeological and historic sites on the lands of four newly acquired ranches totaling 370,000 acres. Field verify the location and description of each of these sites. Develop historic contexts upon which planning and management decisions regarding the significance and treatment of these sites can be assessed.

Tribe: **Navajo Nation Archaeology Department**  
Project Title: **Cove Community Study**  
Grant Award: **\$45,930.00**  
Description: Survey, record and create a database of cultural resources in the 1000 ha area of Cove Anasazi Community occupied from 600 through 1200 A.D. After obtaining a more complete understanding of the community, create a preservation plan and prepare a technical report and popular summary for the community.

## **California**

Tribe: **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe**  
Project Title: **Fort Mojave NPS 2001 Historic and Cultural Preservation**  
Grant Award: **\$42,851.00**  
Description: Videotape beading classes and other activities in the Fort Mojave community. Interview, using audio and videotape, at least twelve Elders in Mojave and English languages to document oral histories, traditional knowledge, wisdom and knowledge, convert recordings to digital format and catalog collection. Develop a library of recorded documents for the tribal archive, for teaching the tribal community and for local cable TV programming as approved by the Tribal Council.

Tribe: **Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians**  
Project Title: **Cultural Resource Survey and Inventory Project for Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Hire a Cultural Resource Specialist, develop an archival system, develop an interview questionnaire and interview Elders regarding Traditional Cultural Places and Cultural Landscapes. Catalog, map and archive identified sites and produce and distribute a brochure on Pomo culture.

Tribe: **Table Bluff Reservation – Wiyot Tribe**  
Project Title: **Indian Island Erosion Control Project**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Prepare construction documents including plans and specifications for the installation of erosion control measures and/or shoreline stabilization structures on a significantly damaged portion of a shell mound (midden), which is the location of the Tolowat Village site.

## **Hawaii**

- Tribe: **University of Hawaii – Center for Hawaiian Studies**  
Project Title: **Na Hulu Kupuna: Precious Ancestors**  
Grant Award: **\$49,715.00**  
Description: Videotape Hawaiian kupuna (Elders) who are fishermen, caretakers of fishponds, farmers and/or Elders knowledgeable of the rich history of their place of birth or residence. Footage and transcripts from 14 interviews will serve as a foundation for curriculum and course development for educational resource management tracks that are planned at the Center for Hawaiian Studies. Materials will also be used to prepare a video script on Hawaiian relationships to land and land use practices, and information will be disseminated to Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian language educators at all educational levels.
- Tribe: **Waipa Foundation**  
Project Title: **Archaeological Survey and Inventory in the Ahupua'a of Waipa, Kauai, Hawaii**  
Grant Award: **\$46,700.00**  
Description: Sponsor a one week archaeological training course by the University of Hawaii's Anthropology Department to prepare local residents to participate in a survey and inventory of sensitive cultural sites in the ahupua'a of Waipa. Faculty from Fordham University will extract and analyze sediment cores to determine dates and timelines in the development of the cultural landscape. The survey and resulting data will be used to develop restoration plans for kalo cultivation and fishpond aquaculture systems, the basis for traditional Waipa economy.

## **Massachusetts**

- Tribe: **Wampanoag Tribe at Gay Head (Aquinnah)**  
Project Title: **Wampanoag Historic Site Survey and Database Project**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Develop a comprehensive database using existing site information from such sources as the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Wampanoag Confederation database as well as by surveying individuals with traditional resource knowledge. Sites and resources will then be verified using a Global Positioning System (GPS) and mapped using a Geographic Information System (GIS).



## Michigan

Tribe: **Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**  
Project Title: **Lac Vieux Desert – L’Anse Indian Trail**  
Grant Award: **\$31,999.00**  
Description: Conduct research of archival and ethno historical documentation, oral interviews and literature review resulting in a comprehensive report and map depicting physical locations of the Lac Vieux – L’Anse Indian Trail. The research will provide the tribe and the Ottawa National Forest with information necessary to locate trail segments in the field and to prescribe land use management practices of the trail corridor. A brochure will be published for the public summarizing the project.

## Minnesota

Tribe: **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa**  
Project Title: **Survey and Historical Documentation of the Vermilion Lake Indian School, Bois Forte Reservation**  
Grant Award: **\$49,751.00**  
Description: Conduct an archaeological survey and document the historical significance of the Vermilion Lake Indian School and grave site associated with the school. Compile photographs and written records of the school which operated as a boarding school from 1897 to 1919 and as a day school from 1921 to 1954, and develop an exhibit to be displayed at the Bois Forte Cultural Heritage Center.

## New Mexico

Tribe: **Pueblo of Pojoaque**  
Project Title: **Pueblo of Pojoaque Mapping Project**  
Grant Award: **\$16,979.00**  
Description: Define the current state and boundaries of two threatened sites, the abandoned Cuyamungue Pueblo and Po suwae geh Pueblo (old Pojoaque Pueblo). Produce transit maps of the site boundaries, architectural features, artifact concentrations and map the site using GPS and USGS benchmarks. The resulting maps will be provided to the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office and will be used in planning preservation strategies for the sites.

## Oklahoma

Tribe: **Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town**  
Project Title: **Alabama-Quassarte Cultural Properties Historical Survey**  
Grant Award: **\$47,080.00**  
Description: Investigate documentary and oral history accounts of the Alabama and Quassarte (Coushatta) occupation of ancestral homelands contained within sixteen counties of Alabama and Georgia. Determine more precise locations of town sites and settlements in targeted areas as the first of three one-year phases of the Alabama-Quassarte Historic Preservation Initiative.

Tribe: **Kaw Nation of Oklahoma**  
Project Title: **A Walk Back in History: Planning for the Preservation of the Kanza Homeland, Little John Creek Reserve, Council Grove, Kansas**  
Grant Award: **\$43,964.00**  
Description: Conduct archaeological, architectural and engineering studies needed to stabilize and/or restore existing structures on the last identifiable site of the Kaw Nation's Kansas homeland, Little John Creek Reserve, which the tribe occupied from 1847 until their removal in 1873. Design a master plan to preserve natural and man-made features of the site.

## **Oregon**

Tribe: **Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians**  
Project Title: **Survey of Traditional Plants of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians**  
Grant Award: **\$27,528.00**  
Description: Interview Tribal Elders, create a database of traditional botanical information gained from these interviews, collect, preserve and store samples of traditional plants and research scientific information on identified plants. Develop policies and procedures for the protection and revitalization of the plants and their cultural uses and values. Prepare a booklet on traditional plant use for Tribal members.

## **South Dakota**

Tribe: **Enemy Swim District – Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe**  
Project Title: **Enemy Swim District Preservation and Protection Program**  
Grant Award: **\$23,873.00**  
Description: Identify areas of cultural sensitivity such as burial mounds and artifact scatterings with the assistance of the Archeological Research Center of Rapid City, South Dakota. Prepare a comprehensive preservation plan to protect identified sites. Submit all information to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe Planning Department to include in current GIS maps of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Tribe: **Sinte Gleska University – Rosebud Sioux Tribe**  
Project Title: **Rosebud Sioux Tribe Historic Sites Survey**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Identify, survey and record significant cultural sites within four of the twenty tribal communities of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Enter information on the identified sites into the ArcView Geographic Information System (GIS) and provide the land managing office of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe a GIS layer delineating areas to be avoided or mitigated during development projects.

Tribe: **Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority**  
Project Title: **Rattle Snake Butte Preservation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$50,000.00**  
Description: Develop a detailed site assessment of Rattle Snake Butte including geological, archaeological, paleontological and cultural significance using GPS technology. Prepare a nomination of the site to the National Register of Historic Places. Prepare a comprehensive preservation plan for the sacred site, and after listing on the National Register, construct protective fencing around the site.

## **Washington**

Tribe: **Nisqually Indian Tribe**  
Project Title: **Nisqually Cultural Preservation and Dissemination Project**  
Grant Award: **\$49,170.00**  
Description: Using audio and videotape, interview Elders who have knowledge of the Tribe's traditions and cultural/social practices and specifically to collect information on the 1917 Condemnation of the Nisqually Indian Reservation. Organize, preserve and disseminate findings through video, CD-Rom and displays. Develop a partnership with Northwest Indian College and Evergreen State College to provide information on Nisqually culture in classes and workshops.

Tribe: **Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians**  
Project Title: **An Indigenous Comprehensive Map of the Stillaguamish Lands: A Cultural, Historical and Contemporary Perspective**  
Grant Award: **\$44,820.00**  
Description: Conduct new research and integrate the findings with other research and other documents developed by the BIA and the State Historic Preservation Office to create a comprehensive catalog of the historical and cultural sites and areas of the Stillaguamish Tribe. Prepare a comprehensive map indicating traditional sites, fishing villages, permanent villages, hunting and gathering areas, and burial areas. A second map will be created omitting sensitive cultural sites for public information.

## **Wyoming**

Tribe: **Eastern Shoshone Tribe**  
Project Title: **Wind River Blockhouse Historic Preservation Project**  
Grant Award: **\$34,254.00**  
Description: Prepare a site field map and survey of the Wind River Blockhouse/Old Shoshone Agency site. Contract with the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center for assistance in presenting training in historic masonry preservation methods to tribal members. Stabilize the walls and foundation of the Blockhouse until restoration can be accomplished.